

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing The Exchange at the Indianapolis Urban League.

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Whereas, The Exchange at the Indianapolis Urban League promotes emerging leaders in the community, advocates for the community in legislative bodies and through community efforts, develops emerging leaders through training programs, and serves the community through initiatives targeting at-risk youth and youth development;

Whereas, The Exchange believes that socially conscientious and empowered young urban professionals will serve as the next nucleus of business, civic, and community leaders, and that they will implement a progressive vision for the Central Indiana region;

Whereas, A steering committee was formed in April 2014 to explore the need for developing a National Urban League Young Professionals chapter in Indianapolis;

Whereas, In September 2014, a new brand and concept for The Exchange at the Indianapolis Urban League were adopted by the Indianapolis Urban League board;

Whereas, The Exchange Leadership Fellowship Program (ELFP) is a collaboration with Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, Indianapolis Urban League, and The Exchange at the Indianapolis Urban League to initiate intergenerational conversation on key issues impacting

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communities of color and other disadvantaged groups, as well as an opportunity to develop critical leadership skills leveraging the world-class instructors from IU's Kelley School of Business in Indianapolis;

Whereas, The Exchange is active in the community through several programs, including the Young Professionals Speakers Bureau to engage Indianapolis youth on topics ranging from character building to professional aspirations in an effort to expose students to different careers, the GOTV Video Effort, a collaboration with the Indianapolis Recorder, that created 30- to 45-second videos from registered voters in the community, the YP(IN)GAGE, a collaboration with IndyHub, specifically geared toward engaging millennials and young professionals civically, and the Juvenile Detention Center Effort where young professionals visit at-risk youth at the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center; and

Whereas, The Exchange helps keep Indianapolis relevant on the national stage by recruiting and training future leaders of our city and state: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes that The Exchange at The Indianapolis Urban League is a young professional group that is making a positive impact in the community. With a commitment to promote, advocate, develop, and serve, The Exchange at The Indianapolis Urban League has implemented and led such programs as The Exchange Leadership Fellows Program, The Young Professionals Speakers Bureau, Juvenile Detention Center Mentorship Program, YP(IN)GAGE, and the GOTV Video Effort.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Indianapolis Urban League executives Anthony R. Mason, president and CEO, and Linda Thomas, chairman of the board.

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